

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 900, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

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### ADULTERATION OF TOMATO PULP.

On or about November 29, 1909, The Lord-Mott Company, Incorporated, Baltimore, Md., shipped from the State of Maryland into the State of Louisiana a quantity of a food product labeled "Old Reliable Brand Tomato Pulp (Picture of red ripe tomato) Old Reliable Brand—Packed by Lord-Mott Co., Inc., Balto., Md., U. S. A. Guaranteed by Lord-Mott Co. to comply with Pure Food Law." Samples of this shipment were procured, analyzed, and examined microscopically by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, and the product was found to be a trimming stock product with yeasts and spores 375 per one-sixtieth cmm. and numerous bacteria, estimated at 200,000,000 per cc.; molds were found in nearly every microscopical field examined, and a considerable amount of sand was present. As the findings of the analyst and report thereon indicated that the product was adulterated within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, the said Lord-Mott Company, Incorporated, and the party from whom the samples were procured were afforded opportunities for hearings. As it appeared after hearings held that the above shipment was made in violation of the act, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the facts to the Attorney-General with a statement of the evidence upon which to base a prosecution.

In due course a criminal information was filed in the District Court of the United States for the District of Maryland against the said Lord-Mott Company, Incorporated, charging the above shipment and alleging that the product so shipped was adulterated because it consisted in part of decomposed tomatoes and because sand had been substituted in part for the said tomato pulp.

On January 14, 1911, the defendant entered a plea of guilty, and the court imposed a fine of \$20.

This notice is given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906.

JAMES WILSON,  
*Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 20, 1911.*